

**DEATH OF DR. BULL.**

Dr. Wm. T. Bull, the distinguished surgeon of New York, died of cancer, February 22nd, 1909. He had been incapacitated for many months and had had his share of suffering before the end came to relieve him.

**NEW AND NON-OFFICIAL REMEDIES.**

Since the publication of New and Non-Official Remedies, 1909, the Council has acted on the following products:

Articles accepted for N. N. R.—

Brovalol (Schering & Glatz).

Medinal (Schering & Glatz).

Veronal Sodium (Farbenfabriken, of Elberfeld Company).

Agurin Tablets, 5 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Citarin Tablets, 15 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Hedonal Tablets, 8 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Veronal Sodium (Farbenfabriken of Elberfeld

Novaspirin Tablets, 5 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Piperazine Tablets, 16 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Sajodin Tablets, 8 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Acet-Theocin-Sodium Tablets, 4 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Veronal Tablets, 5 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Iodothyrene Tablets, 5 grs. (Farbenfabriken).

Articles accepted for N. N. R. Appendix—

Tabloid Coffee Mint (Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.).

Maltine (Maltine Company).

Articles reconsidered and rejected—

Migrainin (Koechl & Co.).

**ACTIVE SECRETARIES.**

Sacramento is to be congratulated upon the activity of the Secretary of its County Society, Dr. E. C. Turner. After every meeting he sends out a circular letter to those who were not in attendance at the meeting, briefly outlining what was done and calling attention to the attractive things presented from month to month. This amount of personal interest shown in individual members can not but help to increase the general tone and activity of the society. A somewhat similar line of activity is shown by Dr. M. L. Emerson, Secretary of the Alameda County Society, and it has had a very stimulating effect upon that organization.

**AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.**

The A. Ph. A., as it is generally called, will meet in Los Angeles this summer—in August, if we are correctly informed. The meeting will be a notable one and a large attendance is expected. It would well repay many of our members to attend the sessions of this Association, if they can conveniently find the time. They will undoubtedly be very welcome, as guests.

**PUBLICATIONS.**

**Therapeutics of Radiant Light and Heat and Conductive Heat.** By Wm. Benham Snow, M. D., Author of "A Manual of Electro-Static Modes of Application, Therapeutics, Radiography and Radiotherapy," "Currents of High Potential of High and Other Frequencies," Editor of the Journal of Advanced Therapeutics, and late Instructor in Electro-Therapeutics in the New York Post Graduate Medical School. Scientific Authors' Publishing Company, 349 West Fifty-seventh street, New York. Price \$2 net.

**Surgical Diseases of Children.** By Samuel W. Kelley, M. D. E. B. Treat & Co., New York. 1909.

After a very careful perusal of this volume of 765 pages, the reviewer has no hesitancy in advising students and practitioners to ignore its existence. There can be no valid excuse for writing such ram-

bling discourses and inaccuracies. The enumeration of the latter would require pages of fine type and merely cause merriment or lassitude. In these days of over-burdened bibliography, it becomes a duty to sound an occasional note of warning. Unfortunately, in the present instance, one can only conjecture as to where rests the responsibility (writer or publisher) of foisting upon the medical profession such a senseless book. D. T.

**Diseases of the Digestive Canal (Oesophagus, Stomach, Intestines).** By Paul Cohnheim. Edited and translated by Dudley Fulton, M. D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia.

In these days of encyclopedic publications the general practitioner in search of a guide will welcome this clear and concise record of personal experience in the study of gastric disorders. Omitting physiologic and pathologic considerations as well as all bibliographic data, Cohnheim has given an excellent picture of the practical side and thoroughness which characterize the teaching at his well known and popular Berlin clinic. Like all true clinicians, Cohnheim lays infinite stress upon the anamnesis in diagnosis, and in every chapter the reader will note the prominence given to subjective symptoms and the secondary role of laboratory methods. The major portion of this book of 235 pages is devoted to diseases of the stomach, and will prove a trustworthy guide to the busy practitioner, especially in the diagnosis and treatment of functional disorders of the stomach. The subject of chronic constipation is treated logically, practically and at considerable length. Those who are conversant with the recent gynecological and urological contributions to the study of mucous colitis, will note with surprise Cohnheim's rejection of the neurotic origin of some forms of this disorder. The chapters on diseases of the esophagus and rectum should have been either omitted or rewritten. In their present state they contain numerous antiquated views and dangerous statements.

Successful translating is a difficult and complex art. Dr. Dudley Fulton deserves praise for his very lucid translation and also for having bolstered up the author's surgical shortcomings. Indeed, one regrets the paucity of editorial emendations, although the addition of poor pathological plates has had a tendency to lower the value of the original work. D. T.

**Golden Rules of Dietetics.**—By A. L. Benedict, A. M., M. D. C. V. Mosby Medical Book and Publishing Company, St. Louis, 1908.

This volume of 407 pages contains an account of the general principles and details of the science and art of dietetics. While the work is not original in any sense of the word it does present the practical side of the question in an interesting and useful manner. At the same time sufficient emphasis has been laid on matters of more or less academic interest which at least indicate the trend of modern research along lines which promise help at the bed-side. Since dietetics in the hands of most physicians is neither an art nor a science this book if read will do much good by putting the practice of dietetics on a more intelligent basis.

**Human Anatomy.**—Edited by George A. Piersol, M. D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London, 1908. 2088 pages.

It has been told of Strafford that before reading any book for the first time, he would call for a sheet of paper, and then proceed to write down upon it some sketch of the ideas that he already had upon the subject of the book and of the questions that he expected to find answered. "After glancing my eye over the design and order of a new book," says Gibbon, "I suspended the perusal till I had fin-